

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2007**

Commissioner Klein, Secretary, began the meeting at 7:30 a.m. held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

In Attendance:

Ann E. Klein, Secretary
Dino F. Bucci, Jr., Sergeant At Arms
Phillip A. DiMaria
Anthony Lipinski
Timothy M. Malone
William J. Revoir
Marvin E. Sauger
Robert M. Sawicki
Gene Schabath, (Rep. Mr. Marrocco)
Betty Slinde
Ruthie Stevenson

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta and Sharon Quinn, Parks & Recreation;
Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel; Jim Perna

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER REVOIR WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH ADD ONS UNDER SECTION 5: D. SENIOR DANCES, E. MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND F. LIMIT COMMUNICATION DUE TO LITIGATION. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

Commissioner Klein congratulated new members, Ms. Stevenson, Mr. Revoir and Mr. Sawicki on the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Commissioner Klein turned over the meeting to Mr. Casasanta for election of officers to the Parks Commission.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Mr. Casasanta asked for nominations for President. Commissioner Bucci was nominated by Commissioner Schabath, supported by Commissioner DiMaria. Commissioner Bucci accepted the nomination for President.

Mr. Casasanta asked for further nominations, there were none and nominations for President were closed. **A vote was taken and Commissioner Bucci was unanimously elected President. Motion carried.**

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Casasanta asked for nominations for Vice President. Commissioner Klein was nominated by Commissioner Malone, supported by Commissioner Lipinski. Commissioner Klein accepted the nomination for Vice President. Mr. Casasanta asked for further nominations, there were none and nominations for Vice President were closed. **A vote was taken and Commissioner Klein was unanimously elected Vice President. Motion carried.**

SECRETARY

Mr. Casasanta asked for nominations for Secretary. Commissioner Revoir was nominated by Commissioner Bucci, supported by Commissioner DiMaria. Commissioner Revoir accepted the nomination for Secretary. Mr. Casasanta asked for further nominations, there were none and nominations for Secretary were closed. **A vote was taken and Commissioner Revoir was unanimously elected Secretary. Motion carried.**

SERGEANT AT ARMS

Mr. Casasanta asked for nominations for Sergeant at Arms. Commissioner Sauger was nominated by Commissioner Slinde, supported by Commissioner Klein. Commissioner Sauger accepted the nomination for Sergeant at Arms. Mr. Casasanta asked for further nominations, there were none and nominations for Sergeant at Arms were closed. **A vote was taken and Commissioner Sauger was unanimously elected Sergeant at Arms. Motion carried.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN THAT ALL NOMINATIONS BE CLOSED. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Casasanta turned the meeting over to President Bucci.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – DECEMBER REGULAR MEETING

2007 County Events – Parking Fee Rates

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA TO POSTPONE PARKING FEE RATES. MOTION CARRIED.

Macomb County Sheriff's Bicycle Division – Fundraiser
UAW Local 2280 – Picnic

Mr. Casasanta recommended the Sheriff's Bicycle Division fundraiser event and the UAW Local 2280 picnic.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE SHERIFF'S BICYCLE DIVISION FUNDRAISER AND UAW LOCAL 2280 PICNIC FOR 2007, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner Revoir asked about fees on the UAW picnic. Mr. Casasanta responded fees would be applied to Local 2280 picnic.

Senior Swing Dances for 2007

Mr. Perna asked the Parks Commission to solicit the Full Board for help to continue senior dances in 2007. Mr. Perna stated he would pay for the first dance in January and announce cancellation of this program, if there are no donations to continue them here at the County Park.

Discussion ensued regarding dances that have been held at Metro Beach and attendance at Freedom Hill County Park.

Mr. Perna commented that a commitment from Frank Blowers of Lakeside Community Bank for \$3,000 donations to dances was made a few months ago and Mr. Blowers indicated recently he would turn over the matter to one of his departments for processing. Mr. Perna stated that he has not received this donation, yet.

Commissioner Slinde stated that there are two board members from Macomb County on the Huron-Clinton Metro Authority Executive Board who possibly could contribute something.

Mr. Perna stated he sent out correspondence asking for donations to businesses such as funeral homes, nursing homes, medical equipment companies, and major corporations.

Further discussion ensued about potential parking fees that could go toward dances.

Commissioner Sauger commended Mr. Perna on promoting and assisting with the dance program since the passing of Commissioner Liberato.

Mr. Meyerand asked for clarification, if the Commission wants to address fees from public events for senior dances at next week's meeting. President Bucci responded that this item would be on the agenda at the next meeting.

Commissioner Stevenson asked for a representative from WRIF to be present for the next meeting for discussion.

Master Plan Update

Mr. Santoro of Planning & Economic Development stated the final draft of the Master Plan would be made available prior to the next Parks Commissioner meeting and outlined the process required for future meetings and a Public Hearing is scheduled for February 14, 2007 for adoption of the plan.

Mr. Santoro addressed Commissioner DiMaria's question on the purpose for a Master Plan and explained that a Master Plan is required to meet the state statutes of having an approved plan which allows not only the County to go for additional funds for granting sources, but allows local governments who might not have a recreation plan to use our plan as the basis for going after grants.

Mr. Casasanta further pointed out grants that the County Park received through the Master Plan went toward building the playscape, vestibules, and building addition,

Further discussion ensued.

Commissioner Klein strongly suggested that specific names of memorial sites not be mentioned in the Master Plan.

Mr. Santoro stated he would need comments from the Parks Commission concerning Freedom Hill back to him by Friday, January 5th in order to make updates and have the Master Plan available for the next regular commission meeting of January 10, 2007.

Limit Communication due to Litigation

Commissioner Klein stated that this might be a good time to remind the Commission that since the County is involved in litigation, the Commission needs to limit its communication with parties involved in the lawsuit.

President Bucci responded that any conversations he has had with Mr. Bommarito of Hillside involves his god children and their families.

Commissioner Stevenson stated having been involved with multi-million dollar lawsuits and is well aware of her limitations, as far as, who and what she can discuss and knows the ramifications of confidentiality.

OTHER

Commissioner Klein asked that more information be available on the 2007 membership list of commissioners.

Mr. Casasanta stated we are updating this list and asked for corrections or revisions.

President Bucci set the next regular commission meeting for January 10, 2007 at noon.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Bucci adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Sincerely,

William J. Revoir, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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